

Synopsis for 'Keith Twamley Invents' by Mark Allen

Logline:

Keith Twamley is an unremarkable man, but he has remarkable ideas. The Rotherham-based inventor, who has previously pioneered such ideas as Fizzy Milk, the Cat-a-pelt™ and the Shampoo Pillow, hosts his own show on Radio 4, where he interviews famous inventors, gives callers his own brand of unique advice on the world of inventing, and fills the listeners in on the progress made with his latest top secret invention.

Series Outline:

Keith Twamley has somehow managed to talk his way into hosting six, half hour episodes of "Keith Twamley Invents" on Radio 4, where he provides an insight into the world of inventing.

Each week, Keith tries to unite the world of inventors over the airwaves, by allowing them a voice and providing them with advice on how to go about realising their dream. The thing is though, Keith has never had an invention patented in his life.

Keith tracks down and interviews a number of famous inventors, though he always seems to end up insulting them, blinding them with his ignorance about the world of inventing (something which he claims to be an expert in) or accusing them of stealing his own ideas.

Also in Keith's show, he takes calls from budding inventors who are looking for some advice. Unfortunately, Keith's advice is ill founded and hilariously impractical. Keith does not respond well when some of his callers phone back to set him straight on some of his misconceptions however, and the prank callers he often receives are reacted to with even more anger.

Throughout the series, Keith constantly keeps the listeners updated on his progress with the Institute of Patents and Trademarks, as he tries to have one of his inventions patented, in the hope that it will be sold and mass-produced – one of his greatest ambitions. He insists on speaking to the Institute live on air, which leads to some embarrassing brush-offs.

As a result of being hung-up on, Keith has to resort to filling the rest of his show with some words of wisdom on inventing, but all too often this ends up with an impassioned rant against whoever has upset him that week – something that leads to records numbers of complaints and the eventual removal of Keith from the airwaves.

When the final episode of the six is hosted by another inventor as a result of Keith's dismissal, Keith puts his inventing into practice and manages to block the airwaves to broadcast his own, pirate radio broadcast of his final show, which gives him a chance to finally set the record straight without the constraints of BBC bureaucracy.